

## Side – Ruthkhanian

Ruth held the title of guardian knight, but she knew that she wasn't suited to fighting. Recently, she became considerably stronger thanks to Koutarou teaching her swordsmanship, but it didn't change the problem of her character. Because she was born into a noble family she couldn't say it, but she was aware that being a knight protecting her house was the best she could do.

"However... Why did I think that I had to learn swordsmanship?"

She learnt swordsmanship from Koutarou, and she received the swords that her ancestor, Flairhan, used. Thanks to this, she became more or less capable of fighting with a sword, but then she began to doubt. She didn't understand why she thought she had to become stronger.

"I can't find a clear reason...?"

Setting up the swords of light, which was in truth Clan's beam swords, used by Flairhan in the legend of the Blue Knight, Ruth tilted her head on the side. The past Ruth was driven by the desire to become stronger. Even though she understood she wasn't suited to fighting, she thought she had to become stronger. However, both then and even now, she didn't understand why she was seeking this strength. What did I intend to fight?, Ruth still had this question.

"W-well, the reasoning doesn't really matter."

Theia, who was accompanying Ruth in her training, earnestly dodged the question. Knowing why Ruth learnt swordsmanship, Theia understood heavily that Ruth shouldn't search her memory more than this.

"But it feels like something isn't right..."

Ruth still looked at her swords perplexedly. Why would she, being gentle, need to take up the sword? Theia, Koutarou, or perhaps one of the girls of room 106? Did an enemy appear that she needed to defend them from by taking up the

sword herself? Her thoughts gradually went in the direction Theia tried to avoid.

“The important thing isn’t the reasoning! T-thanks to learning swordsmanship, you became able to handle Flairhan’s swords of light, so looking at the result it’s a huge success, no? The reason doesn’t matter, this is the guidance of the Goddess of Dawn.”

The real motive for Ruth to start learning swordsmanship was her defeat against Shizuka disguised as Kabutonga at the amusement park last year. She was enraged and didn’t remember what happened at the time, but because she couldn’t admit herself to be inferior to a rhinoceros beetle, she sought strength.

Theia was anxious that Ruth would reach this conclusion. That’s why, she was desperate to change the subject.

“... That may be true. To be guided by fate, I think it’s a romantic and fantastic way to think.”

Ruth attachment to her ancestor’s swords being strong, she was persuaded by Theia’s words. Thanks to that, Ruth stopped thinking and went back to her sword training. She repeated the forms just as she had learnt from Koutarou.

“Good grief...”

Seeing Ruth like this, Theia let out a small sigh from relief. Theia smiled at Ruth and switched her feelings.

“Did Flairhan fight like this too?”

“If I’m not mistaken, Flair-sama fought like this.”

Mimicking the movements of Flair she saw in the video recordings left in Koutarou’s armour, Ruth wielded two beam swords. It wasn’t like she didn’t have talent with the sword, and because there wasn’t any enemy, those movements were extremely beautiful. Ruth reproduced the tornado like movements of Flair splendidly.

“Huh?”

Then something flashed in her mind. Didn’t she fight something this way a little before?

“That was... If I remember correctly... When we were against the radical faction

of the People of the Earth... Inside the base..."

"Damn it!? Stop, Ruth, don't think anymore!!"

"That was, a rhi... rhino...?"

"Ruth-chaan! We have a request, ho-!"

"First... It's nothing much, but please accept this offering, ho-!"

"Youuuu, rhiinoceros beetleeeeeeee!!"

"Why, ho-!"

"Do you hate us that much, ho-!?"

She blew the haniwas away by chance as she swung down the swords of light against the illusion of a flock of rhinoceros beetles that appeared in her mind. Fortunately the swords were in practice mode, so the haniwas were safe, but they decided in their heart to never approach Ruth again when she was wielding a sword.



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An alien that came from the Holy Forthortean Galactic Empire as the princess Theia's attendant. She's recently spent many full days working as the Vice-leader of the Satomi Knight Order.